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Colombia* and China: draft resolution

Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 33/134 of 19 December 1978, in which it endorsed the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, 1/ and 46/159 of 19 December 1991, other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/41 of 30 July 1992,

Stressing that technical cooperation among developing countries remains a key element in international cooperation, that it has a complementary role with other forms of international technical cooperation and that its final purpose is to promote economic growth and development - in particular human resources development - utilizing the capacities of developing countries,

Reaffirming that, while developing countries have the primary responsibility for promoting and implementing technical cooperation among themselves, the United Nations system and developed countries should assist and support such activities, and that the United Nations system should continue to play a prominent role as promoter and catalyst of technical cooperation among developing countries, in accordance with the Buenos Aires Plan of Action,

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77.

1/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, Buenos Aires, 30 August-12 September 1978 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.II.A.11 and corrigendum), chap. I.

Noting with satisfaction that in the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 46/159 2/ it was stated that the organizations of the United Nations system had reported an increased emphasis on activities in technical cooperation among developing countries and had adopted policies to accelerate the use of such cooperation as a modality, and stressing the role of the operational activities segment of the Economic and Social Council in monitoring the use of the modality of technical cooperation among developing countries,

1. Endorses the report and the decisions adopted by the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries at its eighth session; 3/

2. Urges all Member States, the United Nations Development Programme and other programmes and bodies related to the Economic and Social Council, as well as the specialized agencies, to give high priority and full support in their particular fields of operational activities to technical cooperation among developing countries;

3. Requests all the parties involved in the implementation of the strategy for the promotion and application of technical cooperation among developing countries in the 1990s 4/ to ensure the widespread use of such cooperation;

4. Urges developed countries to support activities in technical cooperation among developing countries, particularly in the transfer of technology, and to assist developing countries in capacity-building, especially in science and technology, education and technical training and know-how;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session on the implementation of technical cooperation among developing countries in the United Nations development system and on the follow-up of the present resolution.

2/ A/48/491.

3/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 39 (A/48/39).

4/ Ibid., decision 8/2, sect. I.